

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Kropf et al.  
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of Ball-And-Socket Joints  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 29, 2008, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks: